GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:819
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FENCING ON INDO BANGLADESH BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether barbed wire fence along the Indo-Bangladesh border has been completed;

(b) if no, the target for completion of the fence;

(c) the reasons for non-completion by 2003 as scheduled earlier; and

(d) the expenditure incurred and the details of cost excalation so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY)

(a) to (d): No, Sir.

Originally, the target for completion of the barbed wire fence was 2007 and not 2003. This was revised and advanced to year 2006.

So far, an amount of Rs.1423.45 crores has been incurred on the construction of Indo-Bangladesh Border fencing project. This includes the expenditure incurred on construction of border roads also. The cost of ongoing fencing project has been revised by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) from Rs. 1334 crores to 2876 crores due to modification in the existing designs of fencing.